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                    A question for UK amateurs  
                    Autopatch: Foreign Language ?  
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                    Reduction of the code requirements

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: 8 Mar 1993 12:57:42 GMT  
From: pipex!warwick!kinguni2!ceres!ee\_b152@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: A question for UK amateurs  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Ok, so I have had a licence for 9 months, but only got myself a nice  
new Kenwood TH-28E at the RSGB show last saturday...

Its got all the nice fancy features, but are they all legal to use in  
this country (i cant remember reading anything about CTCss or DTSS or  
DTMF in any documentation I came across)

Eg: Is DTSS paging legal to use ?

Sorry to old hams who know it all but my experiences so far show that getting  
started in quite difficult and the licence/radio bible books dont tell you  
everything...

Any help appreciated!

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Date: 8 Mar 1993 22:39:02 GMT  
From: sdd.hp.com!spool.mu.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!asuvax!chnews!joshua!  
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Subject: Autopatch: Foreign Language ?  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

>>> Azmi Hashim <AXH113@psuvm.psu.edu> writes:

>>>> Is it legal to use foreign language on the air while using autopatch.

Yeah, but they'll be on to you if you try to order pizza in Italian.

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Date: Mon, 8 Mar 1993 17:36:53 GMT  
From: pipex!sunic!psinnntp!psinnntp!atldbs!adair@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: public apology  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

tatsuya@sofya.math.byu.edu writes:

: I have gotten in trouble with a local Ham company. I did not mean it but ...  
: Anyhow, the company is not happy with what I said on the air. They demand the

I think this falls in the freedom of speech category. Unless you were on  
a crusade to entice a boycott of the company's services, you are just  
expressing your opinion. And the day those are outlawed, I'm checking out.

I don't think the FCC is even remotely interested, unless you were causing  
malicious interference while complaining about service. :-) :-)

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There is an alarming increase of topics I know nothing about.

Date: 9 Mar 93 00:17:47 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: Reduction of the code requirements  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Well this topic seems to have died off for a while so how about a little fact or two to enliven the discussion!

The code requirement (as part of the ITU definition of a radio amateur) was introduced in 1938 at the Cairo WARC. No speed specified, just a statement that you had to be able to demonstrate you could receive morse by ear and send it by hand.

In 1947 the code requirement waived above 1GHz at the Atlantic City WARC.

In 1959 at the Geneva WARC the code requirement as waived above 144Mhz, and lead to the creation of the first nocode licences in the UK in 1964 (was the UK the first to have a codeless licence?).

In 1979 the lowest frequency for which a code test was required was dropped to 30MHz at the (second) Geneva WARC.

The cutoff frequency for the code requirement has been lowered at EVERY general WARC since 1947! The next WARC is due at the turn of the century.

In the minutes of the last ARRL Director's meeting the follwing items were minuted (I precis the actual entries from March 1993, p 75-79):

Minute 41:

Reaffirmed ARRL support for a code requirement below 30Mhz. Decalres that it desires the ITU regulations to maintain the code requirement. Instructs all ARRL representatives to insist before all national bodys that there be no modification of the present requirement for operation below 30Mhz.

Minute 42:

Extended Article 11 of the ARRL the requirements for being Director, President, Vice-President, or Treasurer of the ARRL to both 4 years continuous membership of the ARRL and four years holding a US amateur licence.

Am I the only one who sees the significance of these two items being consecutive in the minutes? The purpose of the new Article 11 is to keep the new "hoards" of no-codes from becoming senior elected officials in the ARRL for the next 3 years. Interesting, wouldn't want

anyone rocking the boat at such a delicate time before the next WARC especially when the new licencees constitute the majority of licenced amateurs (Novices and Technicians already make up >50% of the amateur population). If you are a Novice or Technician and not a member of the ARRL -- JOIN NOW and VOTE at the next election!

Of course I'll be up to 30wpm by then, but still I'll fighting to remove the code requirement.

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"We conjure the spirits of the computer with our spells"

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